

WILL TEACH THE COUNTRY TO SAVE

Dr. J. Stanley Brown Inaugurates
Campaign for Treasury
Department.

The announcement by the savings division of the treasury department of the appointment of Dr. J. Stanley Brown of Joliet, Ill., to take charge of a national campaign for thrift in the schools of the country, is being followed by the inauguration of thrift campaigns in various parts of the country.

"The object of our national campaign," said Dr. Brown, in an interview, "is: (1) To put aside, before spending at all, some part of every income for future use. This can be done by those who sufficiently desire to do it. (2) To invest what is saved in a sound security which pays good interest. (3) To get full value in every expenditure. (4) To use what is bought with as much care as though it were money itself."

In Chicago, a "Do-Without club" has been formed and is furnishing free membership buttons and pledges to those in any part of the country who wish to join and save money for some definite purpose, and who send stamped addressed envelopes to headquarters, 410 South Michigan avenue, Chicago, for return literature. There are no membership dues and no expenses to members. Mrs. Roy Dickey, former editor of one of the well known national magazines and who was the originator of the Do-Without club idea, organizing a chain of them as part of the work of the woman's committee, Council of National Defense, in the latter days of the war, is directing the present campaign.

"We all buy things we don't need," says Mrs. Dickey, "and even things we don't particularly want. A dime saved today means a dollar in the future. Nobody is too young or too old to save, and we should all practice self-denial for our own selfish future welfare, and also that from time to time we may be able to help along altruistic efforts for the good of the community at large, as we did during the war."

BEACH SCARF LATEST FAD AT ATLANTIC CITY



A photograph taken upon the beach of the famous New Jersey watering place, showing the latest feminine fancy, called "beach scarf." The beach scarf is merely a cape of rubber material, brightly colored in attractive pink, blue, red, etc., with black markings. This one, which is worn by one of Atlantic City's most charming young ladies, is bright yellow, with black markings.

Damages for Her Voice.

A jury before Judge Joseph B. David in the superior court at Chicago returned a verdict of \$6,500 damages in favor of Miss Dell D. Nichols, who sued Dr. D. A. K. Steele for \$50,000. After an operation, performed by Doctor Steele in 1907, Miss Nichols testified she lost her voice, and was sick for several months. As a result of the operation she declared her voice was ruined. She formerly was a singer and instructor in voice culture.

War Killed Half of French Youths.

Fifty-eight per cent of the French soldiers between the ages of twenty and thirty-one were killed during the war, according to Capt. Andre Tardieu, showing that France lost more than one-half of her youth during the four years of warfare.

Big Artillery Storage Depots for U. S.
Construction of immense artillery storage depots at Savannah, Ill., Port Clinton, O., and Aberdeen, Md., has been authorized by the war department.

MASKS RECALL OLD SHAMANISM

Carvings Throw Light on Super-
stitions of Alaska.

IMPLICIT FAITH OF NATIVES

Belief in Words and Actions of the Shaman So Strong Whole Tribes Would Go Hungry Rather Than Incur His Displeasure by Eating Foods Which He Tabooed—Land Otter Too Sacred to Be Killed.

Masks in the possession of Joseph Bourke of Valdez, Alaska, carved from a single piece of wood, brightly colored, with long wooden tendrils protruding from the top of the head like a devil fish's arm, recall to those familiar with the natives of Alaska their age-old shamanism.

Shamanism, or superstition and sorcery, always has played an important part in the life of the Alaskan native. So implicitly did these natives of not many years ago believe in the words and actions of the shaman that whole tribes would go hungry rather than incur his displeasure by eating foods which he had tabooed.

The shaman attained his position and power by unusual methods. By fasting and prayer amid the solitudes of the woods or mountains, where he fed only upon grasses and roots, he prepared himself to become a shaman. By this method, it was conceded, the candidate's body became sufficiently purified to become the abiding place of the spirits, and all successful shamans had to have numerous spirits at their immediate command. Usually the spirit willing to abide with the shaman sent the novitiate a land otter which the candidate killed. The otter's tongue he preserved as a talisman away from all human view, for should the talisman ever be seen, it was believed the shaman would go insane or be turned into the animal from which the tongue was taken. The skin of the otter was kept by the shaman as a sign of his profession.

Otter a Sacred Animal.

Thus it came about that the land otter was regarded as too sacred an animal to be killed by other than the shamans, and neither Aleutian natives nor those of the mainland would kill the otter until long after the coming of the Russians.

Sometimes it happened that the fasting and prayer in solitude did not bring to the would-be shaman the spirits craved. In this emergency he betook himself, still fasting, to the grave of some deceased shaman and passed a night with the corpse, taking one of the teeth of the cadaver in his mouth. Upon the shaman's return to his tribe his skill was then tested by a shaman of known powers.

For each spirit which the shaman could produce he had a separate wooden mask with features as horrible as the tastes of the carver could devise.

Healer and Prophet.

The shaman had many duties to perform. He was supposed to heal the sick, to cast out the devils from the frail bodies of his subjects, to foretell the future, and with the aid of his spirits to enable one to avoid misfortune and disaster. The tricks of his trade, paraphernalia and charms generally descended from father to son. The shaman's hair was never cut, for to lose his locks would be to lose his powers. When he died he was not cremated. After death his body was allowed to remain in the spot where death came for 24 hours, so that the wandering spirit might find its tenebrous of clay should it so desire. When two suns had waned the body was removed to another corner of the house, this procedure continuing until the body had rested in every corner. Meanwhile the inmates of the house fasted.

At last, dressed in full regalia, the body was lashed to a board. One of the two bone sticks used by every well-acquainted shaman was placed through the hair and the other through the orifice cut in the nose. The head was covered with a basket woven of small twigs and grass, and at night the body was carried secretly to some remote cavern or crevice. Thereafter the members of the tribe never entered this burial place, for it was supposed to be filled with evil spirits.

Mr. Bourke's collection of native masks, weapons and utensils is said to be one of the finest in Alaska.

An Old Bible Found.

One of the oldest Bibles in Maine is owned by Mrs. Samuel Marson of Boothbay Harbor. It is an heirloom in the family, having been handed down through several generations from her great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Bane. The book was printed in 1682, contained both Old and New Testament, and was revised and translated by John Canne.

Blind Yanks Get \$157.50 a Month.

Sixty-seven discharged soldiers, blinded while serving in France, will be paid compensation of \$100 a month, in addition to \$57.50 from their government insurance.

The men, who have been under treatment in Baltimore, Md., are totally blind, in an industrial sense, although some can see objects dimly.

Norway Forbids Sunday Newspapers.
The Norwegian government has issued a decree prohibiting the publication of newspapers on Sundays and holidays.

LITTLE BOY PHENOMENON

Does Eight Years of School Work in Half That Time.

Completing an eight-year course of studies in exactly half that time, Ernest Burris Bingham, twelve years of age, son of Mrs. H. Ernest Bingham of Los Angeles, Cal., has made a scholarship record that has attracted wide attention.

Leaving the school of Our Lady of Loretto recently, Ernest will enter the Jesuit college in September on credits granted by the school and will plunge into a collegiate course.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lansing Burris, a first cousin of Secretary of State Robert Lansing, is the boy's grandmother. Although always remarkably studious, Ernest is athletic, rugged and strong.

The study of law has a great appeal for the boy and he delights in delving into civil cases. He will try to enter a law office when he finishes his college course. At three years of age Ernest showed a lively interest in newspapers and at three and a half years he was able to read.

First Railroad Ride in Years.

When she accompanied her husband to Sioux City for treatment at St. Joseph's hospital, Mrs. J. H. Boschma, a pioneer resident of the Springfield (S. D.) territory, recently enjoyed the novelty of riding on a railroad train for the first time in a period of thirty-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Boschma were among the first to locate in this section, and she was satisfied during the period of a third of a century to care for her household duties without thinking of taking a ride on the railroad. Her husband finally prevailed upon her to accompany him to Sioux City.

Forbid Teachers to Paint in Kansas.

In a campaign against women teachers who use rouge Miss Lizzie Wooster, state superintendent of public instruction in Kansas, has announced she will ask that their certificates be revoked.

Dickens' Inn to Be Sold in England.

The Great White hotel, one of the most famous of Dickens' Inns, is to be sold at Ipswich, England. This is the inn mentioned in Pickwick Papers.

THE TEST THAT TELLS

There is only one real test for a cough remedy, and that is use. S. M. Oliver, Box 192 R. F. D. 5, Greensboro, S. C., writes: "Foley's Honey and Tar is just fine. I keep it in the house all the time." It soothes and relieves hay fever, asthma, coughs, colds, croup, and bronchial affections.—Hite's Drug Store.



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